

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

DA 09-0431

STATE OF MONTANA,

v.

Respondent and Appellee,

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JERRY PAUL GONZALES.

Defendant and Appellant,

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SECOND MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE OPENING BRIEF AND AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT

On Appeal from the Montana Thirteenth Judicial District Court Yellowstone County, Gregory R. Todd

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COMES NOW, Jerry Paul Gonzales, by and through his attorney, Penelope S. Strong, and respectfully moves the Court for an Extension of Time to file the Opening Brief for Appellant, pursuant to Rule 26 (2), Montana Rules of Appellate Procedure.

The brief is due December 28, 2009 and a thirty day extension is requested until January 27, 2010. Counsel has been diligent and can show a substantial need for this request, as set out in her affidavit, attached to this Motion.

Opposing counsel has been contacted and does not object.

DATED this 2/s/day of December, 2009.

Penelope Strong Law Firm Attorney for Appellant

STATE OF MONTANA)

: SS.

County of Yellowstone)

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

PENELOPE S. STRONG, being duly sworn, on oath deposes and states:

- 1. I am counsel of record for the Appellant, Mr. Jerry Paul Gonzales in this case.
- 2. I am a sole practitioner and carry a full-time case load. I do my own word processing for my briefs.
- 3. I make this affidavit to support the second motion for an extension in which to file the opening brief. The brief is due December 28, 2009 and I am asking to extend that to January 27, 2010.
- 4. I have been diligent in this matter and there is a substantial need for the extension,

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which will not unduly delay the matter.

- 5. In the past month, I have had serious malfunctions with my computer and it has been periodically shutting down, constantly delaying the completion of my work.
- 6. My computer technician has been able to intervene and retrieve most of my information. He now advises that to avoid this type of ongoing problem, he update and replace part of my relevant programs. I have arranged to have him perform this work during the next ten day, as with the holidays, that will be the least disruptive to my workload.
- 7. Thus, I need an extension of time to complete this brief.

Further Your Affiant Sayeth Not.

DATED this 2/s/day of December, 2009.

Penelope S. Strong

Penelope Strong Law Firm Attorney for Appellant

STATE OF MONTANA) : ss

County of Yellowstone)

This instrument was acknowledged before me on this 21 day of December, 2008.

Name of Notary

Notary Public for the State of Montana

Residing at: Yellowstone County

My Commission Expires: January 17, 2010

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, hereby certify that I have filed a true and accurate copy of the foregoing Notice of Appeal with the Clerk of the Montana Supreme Court; and that I have served true and accurate copies of the foregoing NOTICE OF APPEAL upon the Clerk of District Court, each attorney of record, and each party not represented by attorney in the above-referenced District Court action as follows:

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Please find attached Motion for extension of Time to be filed with the court. The original are in the mail. If you have any questions regarding this matter please call the office 406-839-9220.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

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